

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

Summary of Action

September 13, 2010

The School Budget Review Committee met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2010, at the Department of Education, ICN Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

1. SBRC Rules Notification

The Committee noticed rules amendments for 289 Iowa Administrative Code chapters 1, and 6 through 8; and set the proposed months of hearings for October, December and March with special sessions as needed. Chapters 2-5 can be corrected by the Code editors without further action. These chapters include the uniform rules. The rules amendments specific to SBRC procedures and policies in Chapter 6 have not been written at this time, and therefore, have not been noticed.

2. Committee Informational Items

No action is taken on informational or discussion items. The committee reviewed a proposed agenda for a work session; heard a presentation on a transportation-related research project; received the list of remaining districts that have not certified their annual transportation reports; and reviewed the history of negative modified allowable growth.

3. Reorganization Progress Reports

The Committee accepted the reports of progress toward reorganization submitted by the whole-grade sharing districts listed in the exhibits and allowed those districts to request supplementary weighting for whole-grade sharing on their October 1, 2010, certified supplementary weighting enrollment for eligible resident students.

4. State Appeal Board & Transfer of General Fund Budget Authority

The Committee directed the Department to conduct a study of financial transactions in the Day Care Enterprise Fund in the Van Buren Community School District to determine which costs that contributed to the deficit were more appropriate to other funds and what portion of the deficit cannot be eliminated from other resources. When the amount has been determined for which the district has no other recourse, the Committee directed the Department to require the district to appear before the Committee to discuss the district's financial situation and the need for a final correcting transfer.